GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2732
ANSWERED ON:09.08.2001
ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES IN HOTELS
RENU KUMARI SINGH

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Crime Branch recently raided a five star hotel `Le Meridian` in the capital and busted a racket of gambling and betting on a cricket match being played between England and Australia.

(b) whether a number of hotels in the capital are reported to be involved in illegal activities;

(c) whether the Government are considering to cancel the licence of hotels found involved in such illegal activities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and other types of action taken to check such illegal activities?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a): Yes, Sir. Crime Branch personnel of Delhi Police raided one of the guest rooms of Hotel Le Meridien, New Delhi on 5.7.2001.

(b): So far, no matter of any classified hotel in Delhi, involved in illegal activity has been reported to this Department.

(c): The scheme of classification by the Department of Tourism, Government of India, is a voluntary scheme as it only provides for assessment of infrastructure and standards of services available to guests and as such, except classifying hotels in various categories, no licenses are issued by the Department of Tourism, Government of India. The Trade Licence to hotels is issued by the local Municipal authority/Police authority in compliance of guidelines laid down in this respect.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): Does not arise.